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Docket No.	FIS9-2003-0335-US1
Serial No.	10/707,942
Filing Date	01/27/2004
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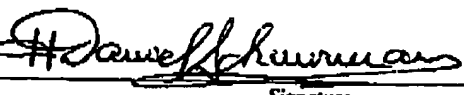

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. FIS9-2003-0335-US1	
Applicant(s): Haoxing Ren et al.					
Application No. 10/707,942	Filing Date 01/27/2004	Examiner Stacy A. Whitmore	Customer No. 32074	Group Art Unit 2825	Confirmation No. 1941
Invention: Method for Successive Placement Based Refinement of a Generalized Cost Function					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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In re application of: Haoxing Ren, et al.	Date: December 15, 2005
Serial Number: 10/707,942	Examiner: Stacy A. Whitmore
Filed: 1/27/2004	Group Art Unit: 2825
Title: Method for Successive Placement Based Refinement of a Generalized Cost Function	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the following amendment is being submitted to place the above identified application in prima facie condition for allowance.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

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